



huu ay aht

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May 26, 2025

Public Notice

Re: Illegal Household Waste Burning

An incident occurred this past weekend, on Saturday, May 24, 2025, approximately 2 kilometres from the turnoff to the West Coast Trail laneway. A pile of household garbage was dumped and set on fire. This area has a history of misuse, and it marks the second time in the past year that the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department has responded to extinguish a garbage burn in this location.

Such actions endanger our land, water, wildlife, and community. They also place unnecessary strain on our emergency response services and do not align with the values we uphold as Huu-ay-aht. Additionally, the risk of wildfires increases with hotter and drier temperatures predicted due to climate change. Acts of illegal burning are not only irresponsible but also increasingly dangerous.

We all share the responsibility of caring for our ḥaḥuuli (traditional territory). As a Nation deeply rooted in respect for the land, we must work together to protect it—ḥuḥaḥuksuu nismā (Take care of the land). Preventing these fires is a crucial part of our collective duty to safeguard our environment and community for the present and the future. Your commitment to these efforts is essential.

If you witness or know of any illegal dumping or burning activities, please report them to the Nation or local authorities. To report a wildfire, unattended campfire, or any violations related to open burning, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on your cellphone. You can also contact the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Anacla Office at 250-728-3414. Let's work together to keep Anacla safe and clean.

Let us honour the teaching of ḥišuk ma ḥawak (Everything is One) for the well-being of our community and future generations.

Ḥeekoo (Thank you) for your ongoing care and respect.

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